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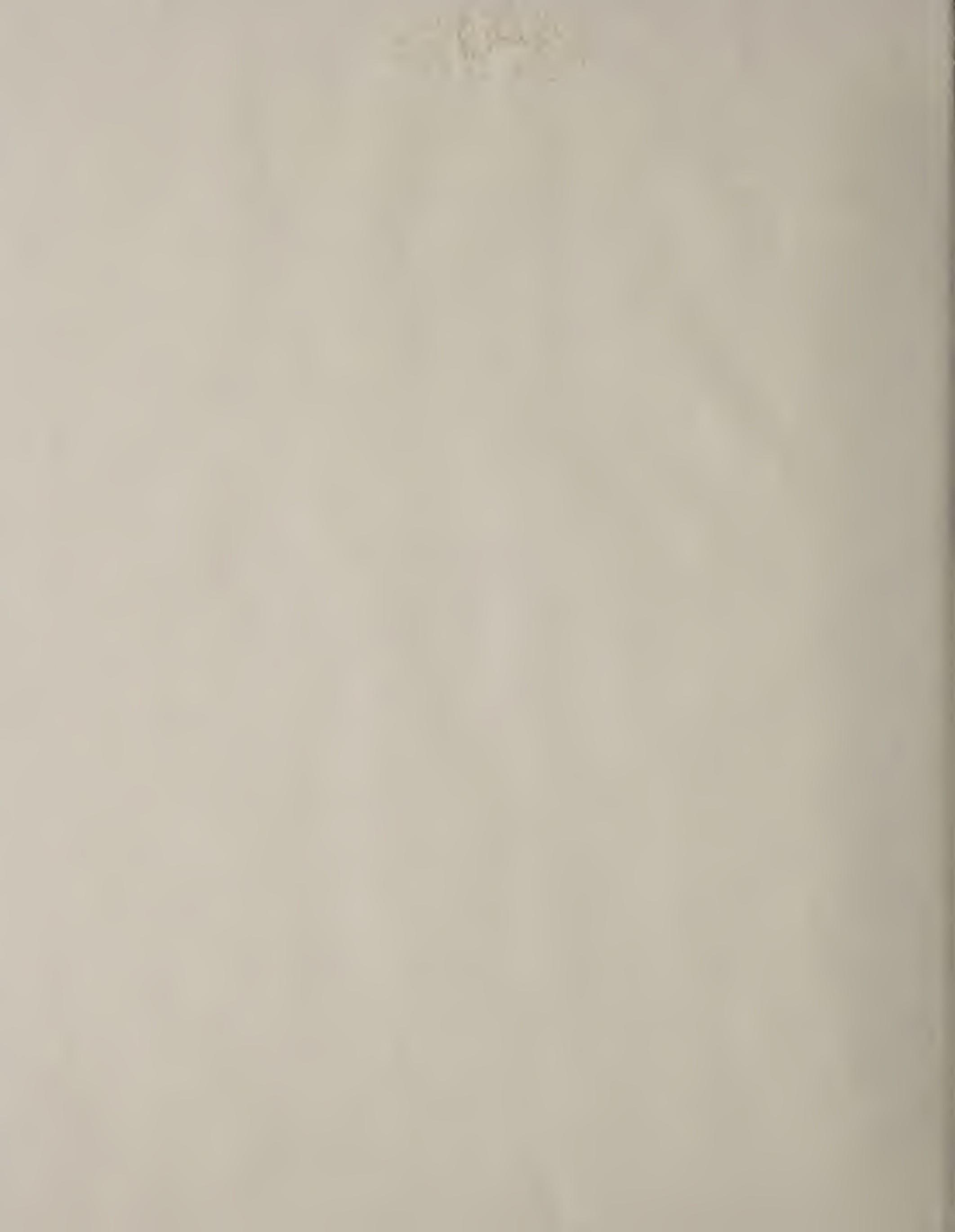
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Mr. Edgar Rubey Harlan
3112 University Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Harlan:

Some five or six years ago I had some correspondence with you regarding the genealogy of the Rubey family. At that time, while I was serving as Dean of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, I discovered your name in "Who's Who" with sufficient additional information to establish beyond question that we are related. For the last four years I have been with the George Banta Publishing Co. The essential facts about my life can likewise be found in "Who's Who."

Pressure of other interests has forced me to neglect the matter of family history, though from time to time as opportunity offered I picked up little scraps of information and incorporated them into the tentative Table of the Rubey Family, a copy of which I am enclosing. On the fifth page you will find the items you gave me regarding the family of your grandfather, Joseph Willis Rubey.

Three weeks ago I had an appointment that took me to Florida, and I found it possible to stop off between trains at Cynthiana, Kentucky. In the office of the County Judge I found a very intelligent lady who is interested in genealogy, particularly of the early families of that section. She gave generously of her time and together we examined such of the records of the family as we could locate in the time at our disposal. We found little, but it proved interesting as verifying data that I already had. In the Deed Book I saw the record of the purchase of 100 acres of land on Indian Creek in 1808 and of its sale in 1815 by Joseph Rubey (my great great grandfather, your great grandfather) and his wife Ann (Hunter) Rubey. The signatures of both (spelled "Rubey", by the way) are attached to the documents. We found the marriage licenses for five of the children of Joseph and Ann; John, the oldest, my great grandfather to Charlotte Myers, daughter of Solomon Myers, Dec. 31, 1816; Mary (Polly) to Henry Wingate, Feb. 7, 1818; Nancy to James Boyd, Apr. 3, 1817; Ambrose to Rosannah Lareh, March 10, 1830; James to Martha Myers, sister

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of Charlotte Myers, Oct. 22, 1830. This last license is signed by Joseph Rubey and Solomon Myers, both of them my great great grandfathers. Descendants of Solomon Myers still live in the neighborhood where the two families then lived. There is the record of suit brought against Joseph Robey and another man on a note whose face was not cash, but "40 sound scantlons and 4 good posts." There is no judgment entered in the suit, so we shall never know whether our ancestor defaulted or not!

Last summer I spent a week visiting relatives at Richmond and Lynn, Indiana, and one day I drove to Spartansburg and Bethel. I met at Spartansburg two old ladies, sisters, widows of brothers, namely James and Ambrose Rubey, (nos. 139 and 141, page 7 of the Table). In the cemeteries at Spartansburg and especially Bethel I found many records of the family, notably the graves of my great grandparents, John and Charlotte Ruby (his name spelled Ruby and hers Rubey, indicating, since he undoubtedly prepared her epitaph, that in life he spelled the name Rubey). I found the tombstone of your grandmother, "Ann, wife of J. W. Ruby, died May 10, 1873, aged 64 years," but not your grandfather's. I found the grave of "Elaira S., daughter of J. W. and Ann Rubey, died Oct. 1, 1851, aged 4 years"; should not this name be added to the list of your mother's family which you sent me?

Next summer I hope to spend more time in the neighborhood, and if I can arrange it, I want to spend some time discussing the relationships with Elizabeth Rubey, daughter of the late Finley Rubey, who is said to have collected a good deal of information about the family in the earlier periods, some of it in the pre-Kentucky era. There are several other members of the family at Union City whom I shall try to interview.

I am still interested in the frequent interrelations of the Harlans and Fenders with the Rubeys. I have repeatedly tried to get a copy of the Alpheus Harlan Genealogy of the Harlan Family, but have never succeeded. I am venturing to ask whether you could loan me a copy. I would undertake to return it promptly and in good order as soon as I transferred from it the numerous Rubeys who are said to be in it.

I frequently run across the name in my editorial work. Not long ago I noted the name "Craig Rubey," if I recall correctly, as attached to Drake University. Do you know he is related? In Washington, in the U.S. Geological Survey my son (No. 38) has become acquainted with William W. Rubey (no. 126), and he has contributed most of the information I have included concerning his grandfather's family.

TABLE OF THE RUBEY FAMILY

1. I. Joseph Rubey. Moved from Virginia to Kentucky either with the George Rogers Clark Expedition or in the immigration immediately following it. Married Ann Hunter. Settled near Cynthiana; purchased a farm of 100 acres on Indian Creek from Richard Young (Deed Book 2, p. 288, Harrison County records) and sold it to Andrew Hounchell in 1815 (Deed Book 4, p. 402). Their tombstones (at Knightstown, Indiana?) record that "Joseph Rubey died Sept. 11, 1829, aged 60 years"; and that "Ann, wife of Joseph Ruby, died Feb. 10, 1851, aged 70 years, 3 months, and 6 days." They had six sons and four daughters, most of whom settled in Wayne and Randolph Counties, Indiana.

2. III. John Rubey. Born (Virginia or Kentucky?) April 8, 1793, died Union City, Indiana, Jan. 31, 1873. Served in the War of 1812 in Capt. John D. Thomas's 10th Reg. Ky. militia under Gen. William Henry Harrison. Honorably discharged April 10, 1813. Married, Dec. 31, 1816, Charlotte Myers, daughter of Solomon Myers, who died at Cynthiana Aug. 1833. (Marriage license of John and Charlotte in file Harrison Co. records). He moved to Wayne County, Indiana, between 1820 and 1830 and settled on a farm one mile north of Bethel. The house he built is still standing. At the age of 71 he married Eleanor Smith, widow of Thomas Wiley; she survived him. The tombstones in the cemetery at Bethel, Ind., record that John Ruby died Jan. 31, 1873, aged 79 years, 9 months, and 25 days; that Charlotte, wife of John Rubey, died April 1, 1863, aged 66 years, 6 months, and 10 days. They had six sons and three daughters.

3. III. 1. Nelson Rubey. Born in Kentucky. Married Melissa Myers (how is she related to Charlotte, wife of John, and Martha, wife of James?). Settled near Bethel, Ind. Descendants live in Wayne and Randolph Counties.

4. IV. 1. Joseph Calvin Rubey

5. IV. 2. John William Rubey

6. IV. 3. Benjamin Rubey

7. IV. 4. Henry Rubey

8. IV. 5. Martha Jane Rubey

9. IV. 6. Daniel Rubey

10. IV. 7. Frank Rubey

11. IV. 8. Abraham Rubey

12. IV. 9. Elizabeth Rubey

13. III. 2. Eliza Jane Rubey. Married Richard Henderson.

14. IV. 1. Margha Jane Henderson. Married ----Toland.

15. IV. 2. Jennie Henderson. Married ----Stevens.

16. IV. 3. John Henderson

17. IV. 4. Samuel Henderson

18. IV. 5. William Henderson

19. IV. 6. Benjamin Henderson
20. IV. 7. Joseph Henderson

21. III. 3. Joseph Rubey. Married (1) Laura Ranks; (2) Lizzie Ridener.
22. III. 4. Benjamin Rubey. Married Sarah Lauter (Died June 26, 1884 aged 57 years; buried Bethel, Ind.)
23. IV. 1. Charlotte Rubey
24. IV. 2. Rebecca Rubey
25. IV. 3. John Rubey. Settled at Whitewater, Ind. Died 1829.
26. IV. 4. Eliza Jane Rubey
27. IV. 5. Laura Rubey
28. IV. 6. Jefferson Rubey
29. IV. 7. Frank Rubey
30. IV. 8. Anna Rubey
31. IV. 9. Etta Rubey
32. IV. 10. Benjamin Orlando Rubey
33. IV. 11. Joseph Rubey
34. III. 5. William Thompson Rubey. Born Cynthia, Ky., May 29, 1825, died Richmond, Ind., Oct. 21, 1903. His wife, Rose Ann Fender, was born at Abington, Ind., Oct. 23, 1830, died Richmond, Ind., Sept. 6, 1887. Both are buried in Earlham Cemetery, Richmond. He came with his parents from Kentucky to Indiana in early life and was brought up on the farm at Bethel; he spent most of his life at Richmond. He served in the Union Army, was wounded at Shiloh, and never fully recovered his health.
35. IV. 1. James Tate Rubey. Born Bethel, Ind., June 3, 1848, died Bagley, Iowa, March 2, 1906. His wife, Sarah Helen Aikin, was born in Darke County, Ohio, May 31, 1845, died Cambridge, Ind., January 1878. He was a business man and resided at different periods at Richmond, Kokomo, Cambridge, and New Albany, Ind., Dayton and Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky. He owned a valuable farm in Guthrie Co., Iowa which he leased. He was visiting there when he contracted pneumonia and died within a few days.
36. V. 1. Anna Leota Rubey. Died May 5, 1872, died Oct. 12, 1873, at Kokomo, Ind.
37. V. 2. Edward E. Rubey. Born Cambridge, Ind. Married Blanche Flynn. College professor and administrator at Indiana University, Illinois College, and Whitman College, Walla Walla, Wash. Latterly editor, George Banta Publishing Co., Menasha, Wis.
38. VI. 1. James Tate Ruby. Born June 28, 1906, at Walla Walla, Wash. Asst. Librarian, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.
39. VI. 2. Katherine Elizabeth Ruby. Born Sept. 2, 1907, at Walla Walla, Wash. Married Henry Taylor. Resides at Hartford, Conn.

40. VI. 3. Edward Ernest Rubey. Born Nov. 15, 1908,
at Walla Walla, Wash. Resides at Portland, Ore.
41. VI. 4. David Lynn Rubey. Born Nov. 12, 1912, died
Feb. 10, 1913, at Walla Walla, Wash.
42. V. 3. Oliver Aikin Rubey. Born Richmond, Ind. Married
Myrtle Newhouse. Resides at Los Angeles, Cal.
43. VI. 1. Irma Helen Rubey. Born New Albany, Ind.
Married Roderick Works. Resides at Los
Angeles, Cal.
44. VII. 1 John Downey Works.
45. VII. 2. Myrtle Lucille Works.
46. VII. 3. Robert Lee Works.
47. VI. 2. Lucille Rubey. Married
Resides at Los Angeles, Cal.
48. VI. 3. Edna May Rubey. Married Horace Everts.
Resides at Los Angeles, Cal.
49. VI. 4. Olive Rubey. Married John H. Walters.
Resides at Los Angeles, Cal.
50. V. 4. George Rubey. Born and died 1879, at Richmond, Ind.
51. IV. 2. Amaranda Mitchell Rubey. Born Abington, Ind. Aug. 8, 1850;
died at Richmond, Ind., Aug. 12, 1917. Married DeWitt C.
Runnels.
52. V.1. Jessie Ruby Runnels. Born Richmond, Ind., June 26, 1877;
died Apr. 1934. Married Frank Medearis.
53. VI. 1. Ruby Medearis. Born Richmond, Ind., Oct. 16,
1897. Married H. Cecil Dennis (deceased).
Resides at Richmond, Ind.
54. VII. 1. Julian Winston Dennis. Born Aug. 2,
1925, died Sept. 14, 1925, at
Richmond, Ind.
55. IV. 3. Gabriel Fender Rubey. Born Aug. 26, 1853 at Richmond, Ind.;
died Feb. 1922, at Springfield, Ohio. Married Josephine
Singer.
56. VI. 1. Harry Rubey. Born Nov. 8, 1884, at Springfield, Ohio.
Resides at Springfield, Ohio.
57. VI. 1. Willard Rubey. Born Apr. 16, 1908.
58. VI. 2. Martha Rubey. Born July 3, 1912.
59. V. 2. Singer Rubey. Born Jan. 1886, died May 4, 1886, at
Springfield, Ohio.
60. IV. 4. Samantha Elizabeth Rubey. Born Apr. 12, 1858, at Oswego, Ind.;
died Sept. 28, 1918, at Lancaster, Ohio. Married Edward
Edward Colton. No children.

61. IV. 5. Jeannette Evelyn Rubey. Born Aug. 3, 1860 at Oswego, Ind.;
died June 17, 1929, at Mattoon, Ill. Unmarried.
62. IV. 6. John Enos Rubey. Born Sept. 1, 1863, at Centreville, Ind.;
died 1933 at Indianapolis, Ind. Married Mamie Mendell.
63. V. 1. Bertha Irene Rubey. Born Mar. 26, 1895, at Louisville,
Ky. Married Edward Newhouse. Resides at Indianapolis
64. VI. 1. Evelyn Jeannette Newhouse
65. VI. 2. Virginia Newhouse
66. V. 2. Paul Mendell Rubey. Born Oct. 14, 1900 at Indianapolis,
Ind. Resides at Indianapolis.
67. VI. 1. Dorothy Rubey
68. VI. 2. Paul Mendell Rubey
69. V. 3. George William Rubey. Born May 1, 1901, died 1909,
at Indianapolis, Ind.
70. IV. 7. Alvin Wilbur Rubey. Born Dec. 31, 1867, at Richmond, Ind.;
died Nov. 1922. Married Mollie McCoy.
71. V. 1. Wilma Louise Rubey. Born Sept. 14, 1900
72. V. 2. Helen Jeannette Rubey. Born Sept. 1, 1910
73. IV. 8. Rose Leota Rubey. Born July 2, 1873, at Richmond, Ind. Married
Dr. Frank Leroy Walters. Resides at Mattoon, Ill.
74. VI. 1. Stewart Russell Walters. Born Nov. 10, 1902, at Mattoon,
Illinois. Resides in New York City.
75. VI. 1. Nancy Lee Walters
76. V. 2. William Leroy Walters. Born Feb. 9, 1908, at Mattoon, Ill.
77. IV. 9. Charles William Rubey. Born Sept. 1, 1879, at Richmond, Ind;
78. VI. 1. Ellales Jeannette Rubey. Born Feb. 9, 1907. Resides
in New York City.
79. III. 6. Ann H. Rubey. Died Aug. 22, 1847, aged 17 years. Buried at Bethel, Ind.
80. III. 7. John A. Rubey. Died July 28, 1872, aged 40 years. Buried at Bethel, Ind.
81. III. 8. Martha Rubey. Married James Branson. Lived in Philadelphia.
82. IV. 1. James Edward Branson
83. IV. 2. Daughter
84. III. 9. Solomon Rubey

85. II. 2. Nancy Rubey. Married James Boyd (no relation to husband of hers sister Hester) April 2, 1817 (marriage license on file at Cynthiana). Said to have descendants at Connersville, Ind.
86. II. 3. Mary Rubey. Married (1) to Henry Wingate (marriage license on file Cynthiana granted to Polly Rubey Feb. 7, 1815); (2) to Dudley Willits. Said to have died in Illinois, leaving no descendants.
87. II. 4. Hester Rubey. Married James Boyd (not related to Nancy's husband). Said to have descendants at Connersville, Ind.
88. II. 5. Cynthia Rubey. Married to Dr. Daniel Tremblay. Died before 1850, leaving no descendants.
89. II. 6. Joseph Willis Rubey. Married Ann Harlan (died May 10, 1873, aged 64 years, buried at Bethel, Ind. Lived and died at Bethel, and is buried there).
90. III. 1. James Boyd Rubey. Lived near Union City, Ind.
91. IV. Carrie Rubey. Married ----- Glunt.
92. III. 2. Harlan Temple Rubey. Married Melissa Fender (sister of Rose Ann Fender wife of William T. Rubey, No. 84) Has descendants in Wayne Co., Ind.
93. III. 3. Jabez Hunter Rubey. Has descendants in Des Moines, Iowa.
94. III. 4. Alfred Mitchell Rubey (1842-1913). He and his wife, Marcy C., are buried at Spartanburg, Ind.
95. III. 5. Marinda Ellen Rubey. Married Samuel A. Harlan.
96. IV. 1. Edgar Rubey Harlan (See biography in 1935 Who's Who) Married Minnie C. Duffield. Curator Iowa State Historical Dept.
97. V. 1. John Edgar Harlan
98. V. 2. George Duffield Harlan
99. V. 3. Mary Adelaide Harlan
100. V. 4. James Rubey Harlan
101. V. 5. Ada Margaret Harlan
102. III. 6. Cynthia J. Rubey. Married ----- Bailey. Descendants in Iowa and Kansas.
103. III. 7. Mary E. Rubey. Married three cousins, all named Harlan. Descendants in Des Moines, Iowa, and in the State of Washington.
104. III. 8. Hester Ann Rubey. Married ----- Fender. Descendants in Oklahoma.
105. II. 7. James Rubey. Born near Cynthiana, Ky., May 15, 1809; died Union City, Ind., 1876. Married (1) Martha Martha Myers, sister of Charlotte, wife of John Rubey, No. 2 (marriage license dated Oct. 22, 1830 signed by Joseph Rubey and Solomon Myers on file at Cynthiana); (2) Hannah Jane Hamilton by whom he had ten children. Was a physician who practiced many years at Union City.
106. III. 1. Hamilton Rubey. Died in infancy.

107. III. 2. James Finley Rubey. Married Julia Skinner. Banker at Union City for many years. Died 1932.
108. IV. 1. Chester Rubey. With St. Louis Button Works, St. Louis, Mo.
109. IV. 2. Bessie Rubey. Deceased.
110. IV. 3. Nell Rubey. Teacher, Union City, Ind.
111. III. 3. Martha Rubey
112. III. 4. Samuel Bell Rubey. Married Della Hayes. Physician. Died at Union City, Ind.
113. IV. 1. Fred Rubey. Physician, Union City, Ind.
114. V. 1. Rebecca Rubey
115. IV. 2. Florence Rubey. Resides Indianapolis, Ind.
116. IV. 3. Clem Rubey
117. IV. 4. James Rubey. Married Florence Carter. Resides Union City.
118. V. 1. William Rubey. Born 1927, died 1932.
119. V. 2. Patricia Rubey. Born 1929.
120. III. 5. Ella Rubey. Married Alonzo Bohn
121. IV. 1. Rubey Bohn. Lives at Hamilton, Ohio. Has several children.
122. III. 6. Joseph Rubey
123. IV. 1. Harry Rubey
124. III. 7. Jessie Fremont Rubey. Physician. Married Harry McNeill. Deceased, no descendants.
125. III. 8. Ambrose Burnside Rubey. Born Jan. 22, 1864 at Hollandsburg, Ohio. Boyhood spent at Union City, Ind. Married Alva Beatrice Walden at Old Allen, Mo. Resides at Moberly, Mo.
126. IV. 1. William Walden Rubey. Born Dec. 19, 1898 at Moberly, Mo. Grad. University of Missouri; Instructor Yale University 1922-24; geologist, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. since 1920. Married Susie Elsie Manovill.
127. V. 1. Susie Lee Rubey. Born Oct. 18, 1921, at St. Louis, Mo.
128. V. 2. Jean Manovill Rubey. Born Dec. 8, 1925, Washington.
129. V. 3. Elizabeth Walden Rubey. Born Feb. 14, 1930, at Washington, D. C.
130. III. 9. Elizabeth Rubey. Born Sept. 3, 1866. Teacher, Union City, Ind.
131. III. 10. Charles Rubey. Died at the age of 7 years.

132. III. 3. Ambrose S. Rubey. Married Rosanna Marsh Oct. 22, 1830 (license on file at Cynthiana, Ky.)
133. III. 1. Samuel Rubey
134. III. 2. Margaret Rubey. Married ----- Hewitt
135. IV. 1. Ambrose Hewitt
136. III. 9. Samuel F. Rubey (1812-1857). Married Mary Jane McNulty (1813-1892)
Both are buried at Spartanburg, Ind.
137. III. 1. John Rubey
138. III. 2. Joseph Rubey
139. III. 3. James Rubey. Married Lettie Alexander. He died in Nebraska.
His widow (sister of the widow of Ambrose, No. 141) lives
at Spartanburg, Ind.
140. III. 4. Daniel Rubey
141. III. 5. Ambrose Rubey. Died 1930. Married ----- Alexander, who survives
him, living at Spartanburg, Ind.
142. IV. 1. Fred Rubey. Teacher, Spiceland, Ind. For some years
was Supt. of schools at Lynn, Ind.
143. III. 6. Daughter.
144. II. 10. Alfred Rubey. Physician. Moved to Hickory Co., Mo. before the
Civil War. Said to have descendants there.
145. III. 1. Daughter. Married to E. L. Adams. Lives at Amarillo, Tex.
146. III. 2. Daughter. Married ----- Stevens.

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